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Rapid MR imaging of the liver: comparison of twelve techniques for single breath-hold whole volume acquisition.

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Twelve magnetic resonance imaging pulse sequences for single breath-hold whole volume acquisition of the liver were evaluated on volunteers. Liver and spleen contrast to noise ratio (C/N), overall image quality, and grade of artifacts were compared. The 12 sequences included T2-weighted fast spin echo (FSE) with or without fat suppression (FS), fast multiplanar spoiled gradient recalled imaging (FMPSPGR), fast gradient recalled imaging without preparation pulses (FGR), FGR with inversion recovery preparation pulse nulling the liver or fat (IR-FGR-L and IR-FGR-F), FGR with driven equilibrium preparation pulse (DE-FGR), single shot moderately or heavily T2-weighted spin echo echo planar imaging (SE-EPI-mT2 and SE-EPI-hT2), multi-shot moderately T2-weighted spin echo echo planar imaging (multi-shot SE-EPI-mT2), inversion recovery EPI, and gradient echo EPI. In the quantitative analysis, FSE + FS showed a significantly higher C/N ratio than the others ( $p < 0.05$ ). In the qualitative evaluation, DE-prepFGR, and single and multi-shot SE-EPI-mT2 had good results, as did FSE and FSE + FS. Further studies should be conducted to determine whether or not these breath-hold sequences can obviate current conventional non-breath-hold sequences.

Tags: Comparative Study; Human

Descriptors: \*Liver--anatomy and histology--AH; \*Magnetic Resonance Imaging--methods--MT; Adipose Tissue; Artifacts; Echo-Planar Imaging --methods--MT; Image Enhancement--methods--MT; Image Processing,

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Abstract: The T-2 contrast in images obtained with **driven equilibrium** (90(x) degrees-180(x) degrees-90(x) degrees) prepared ultrafast gradient-echo sequences is compromised by the longitudinal magnetization build-up after the second 90(x) degrees pulse, which does not carry T-2 information. This paper describes a new T-2 contrast preparation technique for ultrafast gradient-echo sequence that suppresses the signal arising from the build-up. By dephasing in the preparation and rephasing in the acquisition of the gradient echoes, the new technique eliminates signals that are not dictated by the T-2 contrast in a **driven-equilibrium** approach. Consequently, it generates an image that is essentially T-2-weighted. Phantom and in vivo experiments were conducted to validate the technique and to demonstrate its clinical utility. These studies indicate that the technique works properly and can be used for in vivo studies.  
Descriptors--Author Keywords: ULTRAFAST GRADIENT-ECHO IMAGING ; T-2 WEIGHTING ; MAGNETIZATION PREPARATION  
Identifiers--KeyWords Plus: CONTRAST; MRI  
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Title: HIGH-CONTRAST AND FAST 3-DIMENSIONAL MAGNETIC-RESONANCE-IMAGING AT  
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Abstract: A new three-dimensional imaging strategy based on magnetization prepared ultrafast gradient recalled echo technique that demonstrates pronounced T-1 contrast at high fields is introduced. High-resolution three-dimensional image sets of human brain showing high contrast between white and gray matter areas are presented. The ratio of contrast-to-noise was examined as a function of the relevant parameters in the imaging sequence; calculations based on high-field T-1 values as well as the experimental data demonstrated that maximal contrast-to-noise ratio is attained under the same magnetization preparation conditions both for cortical and subcortical gray matter relative to white matter, leading to approximately equivalent appearance of all gray matter areas in the same image. In addition, the images displayed clear visualization of subtle anatomical structures such as the subthalamic nuclei (ventral tier nuclei, dorsomedial nucleus, and pulvinar) and mammillothalamic tracts.

Descriptors--Author Keywords: MRI ; PULSE SEQUENCES ; MODIFIED DRIVEN  
EQUILIBRIUM FOURIER TRANSFORM ; HIGH T-1 CONTRAST

Identifiers--KeyWords Plus: NMR

Research Fronts: 93-2530 001 (T2-WEIGHTED FAST SPIN-  
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T1- and T2-weighted imaging at 8 tesla : Ultra high field imaging  
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ISSN: 0363-8715 CODEN: JCATD5 Availability: INIST-17761;  
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Country of Publication: United States  
Language: English  
In this work, both T1- and T2-weighted fast imaging methods at 8 T are presented. These include the modified **driven equilibrium** Fourier transform (MDEFT) and rapid acquisition with relaxation enhancement (RARE) methods, respectively. Axial MDEFT images were acquired with large nutation angles, both partially suppressing gray and white matter and permitting the visualization of vascular structures rich in unsaturated spins. Sagittal RARE images, acquired from the same volunteer, were highly T2-weighted, thus highlighting the CSF. At the same time, they provided good visualization of the corpus callosum, cerebellum, and gray and white matter structures. Importantly, both MDEFT and RARE images could be acquired without violating specific absorption rate guidelines. Index Terms: Magnetic resonance imaging, techniques-Fast spin echo-Brain.

English Descriptors: Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging; Spin spin relaxation; Spin lattice relaxation; Image quality; Brain (vertebrata); Instruments; Central nervous system; Human; Fourier transformation; Vascularization; Circulatory system; Anatomy; Spin echo  
Broad Descriptors: Medical imagery; Imagerie medicale; Imageneria medical

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MR imaging of articular cartilage using **driven equilibrium**.

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The high incidence of osteoarthritis and the recent advent of several new surgical and non-surgical treatment approaches have motivated the development of quantitative techniques to assess cartilage loss. Although magnetic resonance (MR) imaging is the most accurate non-invasive diagnostic modality for evaluating articular cartilage, improvements in spatial resolution, signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), and contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) would be valuable. Cartilage presents an imaging challenge due to its short T(2) relaxation time and its low water content compared with surrounding materials. Current methods sacrifice cartilage signal brightness for contrast between cartilage and surrounding tissue such as bone, bone marrow, and joint fluid. A new technique for imaging articular cartilage uses **driven equilibrium** Fourier transform (DEFT), a method of enhancing signal strength without waiting for full T(1) recovery. Compared with other methods, DEFT imaging provides a good combination of bright cartilage and high contrast between cartilage and surrounding tissue. Both theoretical predictions and images show that DEFT is a valuable method for imaging articular cartilage when compared with spoiled gradient-recalled acquisition in the steady state (SPGR) or **fast spin echo** (FSE). The cartilage SNR for DEFT is as high as that of either FSE or SPGR, while the cartilage-synovial fluid CNR of DEFT is as much as four times greater than that of FSE or SPGR. Implemented as a three-dimensional sequence, DEFT can achieve coverage comparable to that of other sequences in a similar scan time. Magn Reson Med 42:695-703, 1999. Copyright 1999 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Descriptors: \*Cartilage, Articular--anatomy and histology--AH; Fourier Analysis; Knee Joint; Magnetic Resonance Imaging--methods--MT

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Interactive fast spin-echo imaging.

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It is shown that a spin-echo sequence may be used to acquire T(2)-weighted, high-resolution, high-SNR sections at quasi-real-time frame rates for interactive, diagnostic imaging. A single-shot **fast spin-echo** sequence was designed which employs **driven equilibrium** to realign transverse magnetization remaining at the final spin echo. **Driven equilibrium** is shown to improve T(2) contrast at a given TR, or conversely to reduce TR by approximately 1000 msec and thus increase temporal resolution while maintaining a given level of contrast. Wiener demodulation of k-space data prior to reconstruction is shown to reduce blurring caused by T(2)-decay while constraining noise often associated with other inverse filters. Images are continuously acquired, reconstructed, and displayed at rates of one image every one to two seconds, while section position and contrast may be altered interactively. The clinical utility of this method is demonstrated with applications to dynamic pelvic floor imaging and interactive obstetric imaging.

Tags: Female; Human; Pregnancy

Descriptors: \*Facial Neoplasms--diagnosis--DI; \*Fetal Diseases--diagnosis--DI; \*Image Enhancement--methods--MT; \*Magnetic Resonance Imaging--methods--MT; \*Pregnancy Complications, Neoplastic--diagnosis--DI; \*Signal Processing, Computer-Assisted; Computer Systems; Facial Neoplasms--embryology--EM; Gels--analysis--AN; Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Cine--methods--MT; Models, Theoretical; Pelvic Floor--pathology--PA; Phantoms, Imaging; Plant Oils--analysis--AN; Prenatal Diagnosis; Rectocele--diagnosis--DI; Water--analysis--AN

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Cervical spine: Three-dimensional ~~fast spin-echo~~ MR  
imagingimproved recovery of longitudinal magnetization with driven  
equilibrium pulse  
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Journal: Radiology, 2001, 218 (1) 283-288  
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Language: English

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imaging; Three dimensional field; Technique; Human  
Broad Descriptors: Sonography; Medical imagery; Exploration ultrason;  
Imagerie medicale; Exploracion ultrasonido; Imageneria medical  
French Descriptors: Rachis cervical; Echographie; Imagerie RMN; Champ  
tridimensionnel; Technique; Homme

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ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A JOINT AND DEVISING TREATMENT  
EVALUATION DE L'ETAT D'UNE ARTICULATION ET TRAITEMENT AFFERENT  
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English Abstract

Methods are disclosed for assessing the condition of a cartilage in a joint, particularly a human knee. The methods include converting an image such as an MRI to a three dimensional map of the cartilage. The cartilage map can be correlated to a movement pattern of the joint to assess the affect of movement on cartilage wear. Changes in the thickness of cartilage over time can be determined so that therapies can be provided. Information on thickness of cartilage and curvature of cartilage or subchondral bone can be used to plan therapy. Information on movement pattern can be used to plan therapy.

Claim

... are then mathematically integrated to give a threedimensional image.

33 The method of Claim 32, wherein the MRI technique employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium Fourier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.**

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ASSESSING CONDITION OF A JOINT AND CARTILAGE LOSS  
EVALUATION DE L'ETAT D'UNE ARTICULATION ET D'UNE PERTE DE CARTILAGE

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International Patent Class: A61B-005/103

English Abstract

Methods are disclosed for assessing the condition of a cartilage in a joint and assessing cartilage loss, particularly in a human knee. The methods include converting an image such as an MRI to a three dimensional map of the cartilage. The cartilage map can be correlated to a movement pattern of the joint to assess the affect of movement on cartilage wear. Changes in the thickness of cartilage over time can be determined so that therapies can be provided. The amount of cartilage tissue that has been lost, for example as a result of arthritis, can be estimated.

Claim

... then mathematically integrated to give a three dimensional image.

9 The method of Claim 7, wherein the MRI technique employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium** fournier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.

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. A method of assessing cartilage disease or damage in a joint comprising cartilage and accompanying bone on...

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ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A JOINT AND PREVENTING DAMAGE  
 ESTIMATION DE L'ETAT D'UNE ARTICULATION ET PREVENTION DE LESIONS  
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English Abstract

Methods are disclosed for assessing the condition of a cartilage in a joint, particularly a human knee. The methods include converting an image such as an MRI to a three dimensional map of the cartilage. The cartilage map is then correlated to a movement pattern of the joint to assess the affect of movement on cartilage wear. Reference markers useful in obtaining internal images of the cartilage and bone and external images of the limbs in a motion are described. The markers aid in correlating the various images. Changes in the thickness of cartilage over time can be determined so that therapies can be provided.

Claim

... then mathematically integrated to give a three-dimensional image.  
 21 The method of Claim 15 wherein the MRI technique employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium** fournier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.

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. The method of Claim 11 wherein the movement pattern and the cartilage ...then mathematically integrated to give a three-dimensional image.

44 The method of Claim 38 wherein the MRI technique employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium** fournier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.

45 The method of Claim 34 wherein the movement pattern and the cartilage degeneration pattern are merged to...

...then mathematically integrated to give a three-dimensional image.

69 The method of Claim 63 wherein the MRI technique employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium** fournier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.

70 The method ...are then mathematically integrated to give a three-dimensional image.

88 The method of Claim 72 wherein the MRI employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium** fournier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.

89 The method of Claim 72 wherein the surface contact pattern in the joint and the geometrical representation...are then mathematically integrated to give a three-dimensional image. 107. The method of Claim 91 wherein the MRI employs a gradient echo, spin echo, **fast-spin echo, driven equilibrium** fournier transform, or spoiled gradient echo technique.

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. The method of Claim 91 wherein the load pattern of the articular cartilage...

...then mathematically integrated to give a three-dimensional image. 127.

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File 347:JAPIO Oct 1976-2002/Jul (Updated 021104)  
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\*File 347: JAPIO data problems with year 2000 records are now fixed. Alerts have been run. See HELP NEWS 347 for details.

Set	Items	Description
S1	7084	FSE OR FAST()SPIN()ECHO???
S2	1811	DRIV???(2N)EQUILIBRI????

S3 24 1AND2  
S4 8 RD S3 (unique items)  
S5 336 AU=SHENOY R?  
S6 8 AU=DAMADIAN J?  
S7 218 AU=SHENOY, R?  
S8 0 AU=DAMADIAN, J?  
S9 0 (S5 OR S7) AND (S6 OR S8)  
S10 89 PA=FONAR?  
S11 130 CS=FONAR?  
S12 758 S5:S11  
S13 0 1AND12  
S14 0 2AND12  
? b 348,349